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To Young Farmers

By Tommy Gladden

The 39th annual convention of the South Carolina Young Farmers will be held January 16-17 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. All members are encouraged to attend along with their wives and advisors. The convention promises to be a "change of pace" and an up-lifting experience.

The general session begins at 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon featuring Dean Benton Box, acting vice-president for the College of Agriculture, Clemson University; and Mr. Earl Bedenbaugh, National Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations ASCS. The ladies will also have their program at 1:30 p.m.

The awards banquet is always the highlight of the convention. This year should be no less with an outstanding speaker

from Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Walt Buescher.

The breakfast session will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday to include other awards, recognition of special donors, and reports. The state president of the FFA will address the group, as well as Landy Weathers, this year's Spokesperson for Agriculture.

Throughout the convention many of our sponsors will have exhibits set up for viewing and discussion. Door prizes will be given out at the general session and at the breakfast session. Members planning to attend should contact their advisor or chapter president for more information about making reservations and securing tickets, which must be ordered in advance.

To Future Farmers

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

The largest delegation in recent years - 145 FFA members and advisors - represented South Carolina at the 59th National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, November 12-15. Although 1986 has been a less than prosperous year for American agriculture, our young peoples' faith in its future is still evident. More than 20,000 enthusiastic FFA members and guests from every state in the nation gathered in Kansas City to celebrate their accomplishments, participate in contests, attend leadership workshops and learn more about agricultural careers. Congratulations to the individual members, chapters and advisors from South Carolina who received special re-

cognition for their achievements during the past year. You will see many of these outstanding young people featured in this issue of the magazine.

FFA membership in South Carolina showed a sharp decline during the last two years. Member recruitment continues to be a priority item for chapters. An all-out effort should be undertaken to recruit students who are interested in and can benefit from the course in agricultural education and membership in the FFA organization. The advisors and members must work side by side to convince more young people that there are over 200 careers in agriculture -- our nation's leading industry.

Cover Photo

More than 150 South Carolina Future Farmers and FFA Chapter Advisors attended the 59th annual National FFA Convention November 12-15 in Kansas City, Mo. Cover photo shows many of those who attended convention sessions.

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SC Young Farmers Meet In Columbia

Presentation of cash awards in several statewide contests will be a highlight of the 39th annual convention of the South Carolina Association Young Farmers January 16-17 at Radisson Hotel in Columbia. Plans for the conference program recently were announced by Tommy Gladden of Columbia, State Young Farmer executive secretary.

The convention will get underway at 1:30 Friday afternoon January 16 with an address by Dean Benton Box, acting vice president for College of Agriculture, Clemson University. The afternoon session also will feature an address by Earl Bedenbaugh, national deputy administrator of State and County Operations ASCS.

National FFA Week will be celebrated February 15-22, 1987. The National FFA Supply Service will be sending each chapter an information packet with ideas and supplies that are available to promote vocational agriculture and the FFA. Let's all work together to help educate the American public about the importance of agriculture.

Walt Buescher of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee will speak at the annual awards banquet Friday night.

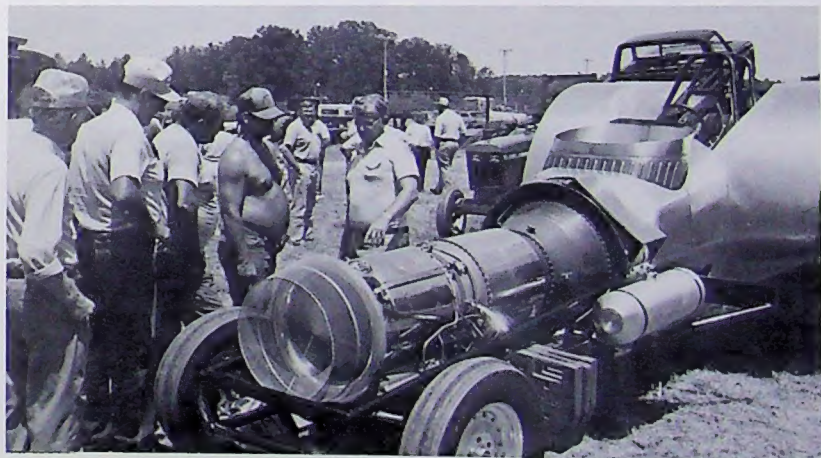
Young Farmer officers who will preside during the conference include Rusty Darby of Chester, president; Marshall Flowers of Darlington, president-elect; William Clark of

Edgefield, Joey Wilson of Chester, Frankie Woodard of Darlington and Archie Felder III of Bowman, all District vice presidents. Harry Wimberly of Bowman, past president; Tommy Gladden, executive secretary; and Hugh P. McClimon, State Young Farmer advisor.



Young Farmer contest and award programs were discussed at the Orangeburg County Young Farmer September meeting at Western Sizzler Steak House in Orangeburg. Those shown above include, left to right, H.O. Harvey, Albert L. William, James Ulmer III, advisor; and Melvin L. Crum, president.

Jet Modified 6,000 Horsepower Tractor



Jim Seibert of Ocala, Fla., is shown above, left in his jet modified tractor during a stop of the annual Young Farmer tour last summer at the site of the Saluda Tractor Pull. Dan Wetz of Eustis, Fla., announcer for the Jet Modified Tractor Event said "the tractor has an output of 6,000 horsepower from its jet engines." "When it runs," Mr. Seibert added. It does run as Mr. Seibert demonstrated in the left photograph. The jet is of the type that powers "Sky Jack" helicopters.

Big Mule---The Pet Brahman Bull



H. B. Waldrop, agriculture teacher at Landrum, observes record keeping practices with SCFFA Star Farmer Robert Todd Stott.

A pet Brahman bull known as "Big Mule" gets special attention from the South Carolina Star State Farmer.

Robert Todd Stott of the Landrum FFA Chapter, was recognized as the South Carolina FFA Star Farmer at the 59th annual State FFA Convention last June at Clemson University.

The Star Farmer grew up on a cattle farm and around livestock auctions during which he worked with his family in the operation of the Chesnee Livestock Company.

Robert is partial to the Brahman. "They love attention, and you have to work with them to acquire their affection," he emphasized.

While many Future Farmers no doubt will keep a safe distance from any type of Brahman cattle, Robert moves in and mingles with his Brahman, gives them commands, and caresses each one. And "Big Mule" is apt to settle to the ground for a

playful session.

"I call him that because the boy I bought him from named him "Big Mule," Robert explained.

He began his FFA supervised farming operations with 14 head of grade beef animals during the 1982-83 school year. It was financed by \$2,000 he had in savings and a loan of \$1,500 from his grandfather. Robert raised these animals to market weight and then resold them at auction. He also received a monthly wage working for his father in handling cattle and assisting with the livestock auctions owned by the family.

One of the highlights of this operation is a visit to a beautifully restored log cabin that was his grandfather's birthplace. An outdoor kitchen, well and sorghum mill are located in the tree shaded hillside that is the site of many relaxing family gatherings.

The Star Farmer has continued buying and selling cattle and working at the auction market for his supervised farming program in high school.

Some of the animals he purchases goes to the feed lot, some to grazing for further growth. He keeps the ones that shows most potential for raising calves. However, he will sell a brood animal if he finds a better one.

He noted that Brahmans bring more money, but cost more. "I always like a Brahman. They are different. There are not many in this area. It's a good beef animal," he said.

His plans for the future are to continue in livestock auctions with his father and brother, and to raise cattle as feeders and as brood animals.

"Leadership is one of the most important things I learned in FFA activities. In FFA, I also learned new things in farming, and about crops."

"I learned how to speak in public," he continued.

Whether its working with Brahman, with people, or with work around the family's livestock market, the Star Farmer has acquired and applies the art of learning, attention, understanding and affection in working with the total program.



"Big Mule" plays dead in response to attention from Robert Todd Stott, SCFFA Star Farmer.

Belton-Honea Path FFA Supports Adopt-A-Cow

Nearly 100 Future Farmers in the Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter have participated in the "Adopt-A-Cow" program conducted by the Farmers Assistance Relief Mission, Inc.

The FARM organization was set up in August of 1986 as part of an effort to help farmers in the drought stricken part of the country.

Contributions of the Belton-Honea Path Future Farmers will help to feed the two cows they have adopted.

The cost of feeding hay to one cow for eight months is approximately \$140.00, and the Future Farmers contributed \$300.00 to this program, enough to adopt the two cows. They have named the two cows "Butter Cup" and "Betsy."

Harold J. Mackey, agriculture teacher at Belton-Honea Path High School, was commended by Michael T. Rose, executive director of FARM for the support of the school and community.

"Funds donated were used to purchase and distribute seed to drought-stricken farmers for replanting crops destroyed by the drought, and to finance the transportation of 15 car loads of hay from New Hampshire to South Carolina," Mr. Rose said in a letter to Dr. Snead.

The chapter received two certificates for its contribution, one for each cow.



The haylift involved a lot of "heavy lifts" as thousands of bales of hay were loaded and unloaded as demonstrated by Tommy Harmon, agriculture teacher at Lexington Area Vocational Center.

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59th National FFA Convention

SC Future Farmers

Share In Awards

More than 150 South Carolina Future Farmers attended the 59th annual convention of the National Future Farmers of America November 12-15 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Most of those attending earned trips as winners in individual and chapter awards, and teachers of vocational agriculture in high school who served as group leaders at, and to and from the convention.

The three-day convention activities emphasized the 1986-87 National FFA theme, "FFA-Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture." Dynamic speakers presented an outstanding program including a mixture of inspiration, motivation, education, patriotism, and spiritual values.

The convention program was made for those who would come and benefit from the wealth of values it presented, for those who could perceive the challenge and beauty of America, and the service it can offer to mankind.

Jack Anderson, columnist, was keynote speaker at the opening session. Other featured speakers

included U. S. Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng; Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner; Bob Moawad, president of Edge Learning Institute; and Susan Forte, FFA instructor and Teacher-in-Space finalist.

Twenty-five South Carolina Future Farmers and FFA Chapters shared in national honors during the convention.

Four FFA members received the American Farmer degree, one of the highest honors that can be attained in vocational agriculture classes and FFA work in high school. They included O. Frank Dorn of Edgefield, Daniel Poston and Terrence Larrimore of Britton's Neck FFA Chapter, and John Watt of Crescent FFA Chapter at Iva.

Three leaders in vocational agriculture in the State were presented honorary America Farmer degrees in recognition of their contribution to the progress of agricultural education. They included J. Alex Hash, professor of agricultural education at Clemson University; J. Earl Frick, Jr. of Florence, district consultant of vocational agriculture; and Earl Carpenter of Simpsonville, former head of agricultural education department at Clemson University, and now retired.

South Carolina FFA Chapters that received National Chapter emblems during the convention included:

National Chapter Award: Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter at Hemingway, Carlin Munnerlyn, advisor, Silver emblem; Dorman FFA Chapter, Spartanburg, Charles G. Moore, advisor, Silver emblem; and Gilbert FFA Chapter, J. A. Cunningham, advisor, Bronze emblem.

Building Our American Communities: Mullins FFA Chapter, James L. Bell, advisor, Silver emblem; Dorman FFA Chapter at Spartanburg, Charles G. Moore, advisor, Silver emblem; and Britton's Neck FFA Chapter at Gresham, Jerry Pace, advisor, Bronze emblem.

National Chapter Safety Awards:



Gerald Alexander of Lamar FFA Chapter, enters the huge municipal auditorium in Kansas City for a convention session.

Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter at Hemingway, Carlin Munnerlyn, advisor, Silver emblem; and Dorman FFA Chapter at Spartanburg, Charles G. Moore,



Kenneth Thompkins of Mullins FFA Chapter, state FFA vice president, carried the South Carolina flag in the Massing of State Flags Ceremony.



Three South Carolina Future Farmers were in Kansas City to receive the American Farmer Degree. They included, left to right, O. Frank Dorn of Edgefield, Saluda FFA Chapter; Terrence Larrimore and Daniel Poston both of Gresham, and members of Brittons Neck FFA Chapter. John Watt of Crescent Chapter in Anderson County, also received this top national honor that can be bestowed on a Future Farmer.



South Carolina Future Farmers mingled, enjoyed conversations, and discussed convention activities with Future Farmers from throughout the nation.



South Carolina delegates Patricia Port and William H. Ray, Jr. enjoy a discussion with C. J. Elkins of North Carolina, Mickey McCall, president of the NC delegation; and Katrina Claxton of Georgia, just before the opening of a convention session.

advisor, bronze emblem.

Members of six South Carolina FFA Chapters competed in several contest and award programs. These chapters and contests in which they competed include Britton's Neck, Farm Business Management; Crescent FFA Chapter at Iva, Livestock; Pendleton, Nursery / Landscape; Rock Hill, Floriculture; Wagener-

Salley, Agricultural Mechanics; and Ware Shoals, Forestry.

Patricia Port of Hemingway FFA Chapter, State FFA president; and William H. Ray, Jr. of Hunter-Kinard-Tyler FFA Chapter, SCFFA vice president, represented the South Carolina FFA delegation as official delegates. Alternate delegates included Kenneth Thompkins of

Mullins, Russell Green of Mayo, Jimmy Smith of Strom Thurmond High School in Edgefield County, and Roy Patterson of York, all State FFA officers.

George Ulmer of Cope and Lavonia Press of Holly Hill, sang in the National FFA Chorus during the convention.

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FFA members who served as members of the National Courtesy Corps from South Carolina included, left to right, kneeling, Steve Bulman of Dorman, Jimmy Smith of Strom Thurmond, and Harry Smutzer of Dorman. Standing, Charles G. Moore of Dorman, advisor, Patrick Settle, Rodney Weaver, and Tina Cox Amsber, all of Dorman, Kenneth Thompkins of Mullins, and Russell Green Jr. of Mayo. Karson Corley of Lexington AVC and Roy Patterson, Jr. of York, not shown, also served as members of the Courtesy Corps.



Recipients of Honorary American Farmer degrees included, left to right, J. Earl Frick of Florence, district consultant for agricultural education, State Department of Education; Dr. Earl Carpenter of Simpsonville, retired head of agricultural education at Clemson University; and Dr. Alex Hash, professor of agricultural education at Clemson University.

Agriculture Teachers Install New Officers

Floyd N. Brockington, agriculture teacher at Wilson High School in Florence was elected president of the South Carolina Association of Agricultural Teachers during a business meeting of the teachers

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Charles Gerald Moore, agriculture teacher at Dorman High School, Spartanburg, was honored as a regional finalist in the Agri-Science Teacher of the Year Award program during the National FFA Convention.



Brana Williams of Hemingway, past FFA State secretary, was one of the top candidates for a National FFA officer and won the praise of the South Carolina delegates for her commendable qualifications and efforts.

during their annual conference last summer. He succeeds Tommy Gladden of Columbia.

Other new officers who were installed at an awards banquet include George Ulmer of Edisto High School in Orangeburg County, president-elect; G. Paul Jones of James F. Byrnes High School at Duncan, executive secretary; Joe Wilson of Aiken High School, vice president from District 4; Frank R. Stover Jr. of Pelion, vice president from District 2; J.J. Cummings of Lake View High School, vice president from District 3; and Hugh Bland of Strom Thurmond High School in Edgefield County, vice president from District 1.

Agriculture teachers receiving service awards include:

Forty Years of Service as an agriculture teacher, E.B. Earle of McBee High School.

Thirty Year awards: Thomas Huffman of Laurens, and Willie McLaughlin, Jr. of Greenwood; Levan Wilson of Bishopville; James W. Bryant, Jr. of Chesterfield; and Dr. J. Alex Hash of Clemson University.

Twenty Year Awards: Ferrell Bridwell of Greenville, and J.C. Cartrette of Marion.

Awards were presented by Jim Futtrell of the Farm Credit banks of Columbia, sponsor of the service awards.

Seven teachers who received retirement recognition included J.C. Foster Jr. of Blue Ridge High School in Greenville County; L.A. McDowell of Chesnee; James W. Bryant, Jr. of Bishopville; P.C. Evans, Jr. of Hartsville; J.D. Daniel of Lake City; James Cofer of Barnwell Area Vocational Center and R.D. Matthews of St. George.

Approximately 100 teachers of vocational agriculture from throughout the State attended the three-day in-service conference in Carolina Coliseum.

The conference program was designed to upgrade proficiency in teaching methods, materials, and agricultural technology.

"Agriculture in Transition" was the topic of the keynote address by Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University at the opening session Tuesday morning.

Dr. Lennon discussed several innovations that caused a transition in agriculture. He especially called attention to mechanization, irrigation, production efficiency, and the global aspects of agriculture with its shift of competitive production of agriculture products from one area of the country, or from one continent to another.

"We must spend time in marketing research in those countries in which we plan to market," he said.

"The changes that are occurring now will dwarf those changes of the past....Any time there is change there are opportunities for those who are creative and for those who want to make things happen," Dr. Lennon continued.

Other topics presented included "Trends in Livestock Management", "Growing Specialty Crops", "Opportunities in Aquaculture", "Ornamental Horticulture", and "Agricultural Production/Business Management."

Haylift
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Conrail and Norfolk-Southern railroads provided free transportation of hay to Spartanburg where 232 tons of hay was divided between 76 FFA and Young Farmer members in South Carolina.

The Scottsburg FFA members in turn were invited by the James F. Byrnes Chapter to come to SC to assist in the distribution. Six FFA members from Scottsburg and their chapter advisor accompanied the hay train to South Carolina where the



E.B. Earle, agriculture teacher at McBee, was honored with the 40-year key service award. A plaque was presented by Jim Futrell of Farm Credit Banks, right.

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Byrnes FFA members reversed the hospitality. The Indiana Future Farmers enjoyed their stay in the homes of the Byrnes Future Farmers, their tour of area farms, and the many treats of good food including grits and lots of sweet peaches to take back to Indiana. "The project was an event



New officers of the South Carolina Association of Agriculture Teachers include left to right, seated, G. Paul Jones of James F. Byrnes High School, Duncan, executive secretary; Floyd N. Brockington of Wilson High School, Florence, president; and George Ulmer of Edisto High School, Orangeburg County, president-elect. Standing, Joe Wilson of Aiken High School, vice president, District 4; Frank R. Stover, Jr. of Pelion, vice president from District 2; and Hugh Bland of Strom Thurmond High School in Edgefield County, vice president from District 1. J.J. Cummings of Lake View High School, not shown, is vice president from District 3.

that had to be experienced to be appreciated," Mr. Jones observed.

High Schools and respective FFA Chapters involved in the Indiana-Spartanburg Haylift included James

F. Byrnes, Woodruff, Dorman, Chesnee, Landrum FFA and Young Farmers, York, Crescent, Pendleton FFA and Young Farmers, Blue Ridge, Chester, Travelers Rest and Saluda.



Thirty-year service keys were presented by Jim Futrell of Farm Credit Banks to, left to right, Thomas Huffman of Laurens, Willie McLaughlin, Jr. of Greenwood, James W. Bryant, Jr. of Chesterfield; Levan Wilson of Bishopville, and Dr. Alex Hash, professor of agricultural education at Clemson University.



Seven agriculture teachers received retirement recognition. Those above include, left to right, R.D. Matthews of St. George, L.A. McDowell of Chesnee, James W. Bryant, Jr. of Chesterfield, and J.C. Foster of Blue Ridge in Greenville County.



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